

continues, gladly co-operate in the proposed effort to provide a remedy, and if in any degree it succeeds they feel that they have gained the gratitude of the world at large. The Queen will, it concludes, have pleasure in delegating a representative to take part in the Conference whenever an invitation is received. Her Majesty's Government hope that the invitation may be accompanied by some indication of the special points to which the attention of the Conference is to be directed as a guide for the selection of the British representative, and of the assistance by whom he should be accompanied.

THE SAGHALIEN CONVICTS.
State Councillor Salomon, Chief Inspector of Russian Prisons, who has just returned from an official visit to Saghalien, describes the general condition of the convicts there as being incomparably worse than that existing in the very worst of the prisons in any other part of Europe or Asiatic Russia. M. Salomon further expresses the opinion that the 28,000-odd roubles apportioned to Saghalien have either never reached the island, or if so, have been illegitimately applied. This is an official report, and it is not less surprising that it should have found publicity in the columns of the *Novosti* and *Far Eastern Review*, the latter published at Vladivostok. M. Salomon condemns without any kind of qualification the fruitless attempt to organise agricultural colonies in Saghalien out of convicts, time-served prisoners, and the drifting vagabonds of the penal island. The ultimate result of this report will probably be that all further deportation of convicts to the Far East will cease, and in the near future the island of Saghalien, lying close to the Japanese mainland, will be turned to another purpose, and to one more and less politically serviceable to Russia's Far Eastern expansion.

THE MADAGASCAR QUESTION.
An important Parliamentary paper, issued on 6th ult., deals with British grievances in Madagascar. It shows that in July last Lord Salisbury addressed a serious protest to the rights of English commerce in the island. Special complaints were made about the same time of a circular instructing officials to induce the natives to use only goods of French manufacture. An instance is given in the paper of a French Administrator who informed the native traders of his district that they must only buy and sell with French merchants, and that if they did not obey, they would be imprisoned in irons. In November a protest was made among several other complaints against the decree which the Governor-General issued in September with the object of reserving for French vessels the coasting trade, and that between Madagascar and neighbouring islands. A short while ago the British Ambassador in Paris was informed that the decree had never been acted upon, and that it has now been revoked. It does not appear that the other protests have had any result. The French Press displays much irritation at the publication of the Madagascar correspondence, and some of the papers go so far as to impute that it was done at this juncture to wound French susceptibilities, and even to the feelings of the people of England and France.

A CELEBRATED TRAVELLER.
The lion for the coming season will probably be Mr. Albert Lloyd. He is a young Englishman who has just travelled from Uganda to the sea, through that forest which Mr. Stanley found dark even for darkness Africa. He has seen the pygmies, and has had an exceedingly pleasant time with them and with everybody. He had no Europeans with him, and but a small following of natives, and he never fired a single shot in self-defence. With regard to the pygmies, he writes:—"I tried to measure them, and I found one of them over 4 ft. in height. All were fully developed. The women were somewhat slighter than the men, but were equally well-formed. I was amazed at their sturdiness. Their arms and chests were splendidly developed, as much so as in a good specimen of an Englishman. These men have long beards, half-way down the chest, which impart to them a strange appearance. They are very timid, and cannot look a stranger in the face. Except for a tiny strip of bark cloth, men and women are quite nude. They are armed with bows and arrows—the latter tipped with deadly poison—and carry small spears."

LATE TELEGRAMS.

THE SOUDAN.
LONDON, January 30th.
The authorities at Cairo have received numerous applications from English Company promoters respecting the employment of capital in the Sudan, but all demands for privileges and concessions have been refused.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN.
LONDON, January 29th.
Mr. Chamberlain, in a speech at Birmingham, dwelt upon the necessity of promoting co-operation between all branches of the English speaking race in their great civilising mission. He referred to the increasing trade with the colonies, and declared that the bounty system was abominable and inconsistent with Free Trade, and he believed that it would soon be abolished.

THE RECENT BANK ROBBERY.
LONDON, January 26th.
A number of notes stolen from Paris's Bank which were mainly £1,000 notes, amounting to £40,000 have been returned to-day to the Bank through the post. It is clear that the thieves, who are probably Americans, are thorough masters of the Bank's old-fashioned system of note distribution. Either a thief walked round behind the counter without his hat, so as to disarm suspicion and help himself for a confederate handed the notes over. The manager and other employees have submitted to be searched.

RAILWAYS IN AFRICA.
LONDON, January 27th.
With regard to the proposals submitted by Mr. Cecil Rhodes, it is confidently stated here that Her Majesty's Government has consented to guarantee a railway from Bulawayo to the Zambesi but not beyond.

UGANDA HONOURS.
LONDON, January 27th.
Captain Carleton has been promoted for services rendered in Uganda.

OPERATION NECESSARY ON THE KHEVIE.
LONDON, January 27th.
The eminent surgeon Herr Gussenbauer has left Vienna for Cairo. It is stated that he has gone there for the purpose of performing an operation on the Khevie.

AMERICAN COINAGE.
LONDON, January 26th.
The Cologne Committee of the House of Representatives have agreed by a party vote to report on the Bill making gold dollar standard unit of value in United States. The Treasury bullion, and providing for the redemption of Greenbacks and Treasury notes, which, once redeemed in gold, cannot be re-issued except for gold.

THE PAULET BARLON.
LONDON, January 26th.
The death of Paulet Barlon, a tough question as to the succession. The story is that

the Earl once, when returning to England, waded that he would marry the first woman he met on landing, who proved to be the daughter of a Landport pilot. The issue of this strange union, whom the Earl soon repudiated, is a man who has been organ-grinding in the streets under the title of Viscount Linton and lives with his crippled wife in a garret in Islington. Ten years ago the Earl admitted that this claimant was born in wedlock, but immediately after the marriage. So the question remains whether his paternity is probable.

MADAME PATTI'S WEDDING.
LONDON, January 26th.
The natives showed extreme enthusiasm at Madame Patti's wedding. The streets were crowded, and Major Brecon and officials received the couple in civic state, and escorted them to the Roman Catholic Chapel, where Sir Faudel Phillips gave the bride away. The ceremony of Mass was omitted in deference to the bridegroom's Lutheran susceptibilities. The party breakfasted in the train, en route to Paddington, and leave to-morrow for the South of France.

THE NEW VICEROY STUDYING THE FRONTIER PROBLEM.
CALCUTTA, January 27th.
Lord Curzon is reported to be closely studying the Frontier problem, with a view to an early settlement of the difficult questions still remaining open.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF KIAO-CHOW.

The memorandum laid before the Reichstag on the subject of the development of Kiaochow, declares:—"In order to facilitate traffic between the German territory and the Chinese *Hinterland* and the Chinese Customs office has been established on German soil near the quay. This arrangement will save merchants the time and expense which would be involved in unpacking their goods a second time when passing into Chinese territory. The Customs tariff for goods passing to and from Chinese territory is determined in accordance with the tariff in force at the Chinese treaty ports. In order to prevent the smuggling of opium and to regulate its sale a limited number of opium dealers have been allowed to establish themselves on the German territory under strict police control on the payment of a heavy duty. This impost is collected by the Chinese Customs office at the expense of the German authorities. Commercial monopolies will not be conferred, and commercial and industrial undertakings can be initiated without a special concession."

German law will be the law of the colony, but in the case of the Chinese it will be modified in accordance with their fundamental ideas of justice. Flogging will remain a statutory punishment, but it will not be inflicted upon women, and the crueler punishments of the Chinese law have been abolished. Entrance to the territory, it will itself construct the harbour works. On the other hand the machinery and warehouses on the quays will be left to private enterprise. The harbour will be constructed inside Kiaochow Bay, and a breakwater will be built from the Woman's Island to the mainland. A plan for the harbour will be ready next spring, and the more important constructions can then at once be taken in hand.

The report contains an interesting ground plan of a future town which is to spring up on the model of a watering-place, as there are a promenade, a large number of villas, and a "Strand Hotel." According to the report, Tientsin may one day serve as a resort for Europeans from Southern Chinese ports, and be a rival to Chefoo.

The report adds that all railway and mining companies for the province of Shantung have to establish themselves within the Government boundaries of Kiaochow, and have to submit themselves to the company law and to the German Courts.—*L. & C. Express.*

A SARAWAK QUEER STORY.

WITH CERTAIN REFLECTIONS BY THE LATE LORD LYTON.

In *L'Independent Tonkiniste* M. Hugues de Roux tells, apropos of the curiously rapid and mysterious transmission of ideas and news amongst Oriental races, the following anecdote:—"I am reminded of a curious story that Lord Lyton told me a few months before his death. It was about the end of July, 1892. Some business matter had called me to Paris, above all the desire of greeting a person for whom Lord Lyton also had a personal liking. Her Highness the Ranees of Sarawak. After dinner, at which all three of us assisted, Lord Lyton did not feel quite well. He was already tormented by those heart irregularities which his taste for opium aggravated, and which caused his premature death."

"I proposed to the English Ambassador to see him home. We went down the Champs Elysees together. The freshness of the evening made him feel easier. He recommenced to talk with that poetic freedom, sustained by a certain degree of exaltation, which gave to his conversation, when he was willing to let his soul be seen, an exceptional charm."

"You have heard," he said to me, "the story that the Ranees has just told us. When the predecessor of her husband, Rajah Brooke, died about the middle of the century, on the course of a journey in England, a few hours after his decease, a Mussulman died alone in the bazaar of Sarawak. The Rajah is dead. Now the news was not yet known at Singapore, and the island of Borneo is far away indeed from Scotland, where Brooke had just died. All these phenomena of the transmission of thought to incalculable distances excite my deepest interest. They show that above this earth there is a Kingdom of Unknown Forces where one is eager to go and dwell. The too dispassionate existence that we lead in Europe, the feverish activity that wastes our energies, hinder us from leaping at a bound sufficiently strong, while living, to those heights whence we could dominate the crowds of humanity and direct them. I have known throughout the East, particularly in India, poor wretches in rags, men crouching in tatters before my door, who had this divine power. How I envied them their possession. How I would have exchanged my Vicerealty for a mere reflection of their magic power!"

"Then follows a wonderful instance told by Lord Lyton of an Indian fakir deceiving the senses of a crowd."

"The paring couplet the fakir gave to Lord Lyton was: 'Never descend into the crowd. He who mingles in it loses his soul to all intents. And it belongs to him who hallucinates the mob.'"

Lord Lyton's final remark to me was this:—"I have often reflected on that statement. I am convinced that it was as true in London as in India, in Paris as in London. We have amongst us fakirs of redoubtable power of whose identity we are ignorant. They impose on the mob the suggestions of their good pleasure. As a rumour spreads, 'run together.' Do not mix with the crowd. With it you may see, for imagine you see, as in the story of the Indian fakir, a child's throat cut. For all that, there is nothing but a wind behind a little hedge, who amuses himself by scratching a bucket with a knife."

LOSS OF THE "ANDELANA."

The British ship *Andelana*, which left Shanghai on the 11th of November last for Port Angeles, where she arrived on the 29th of December—sailing for Tacoma on Jan. 6th—has been lost under strange circumstances. She capsized off Tacoma on the morning of the 14th ult., and Captain Stalling and seventeen men were drowned. The gale which blew her over, says a Tacoma Journal, was one of the most severe experienced there for years. It blew at the rate of sixty-eight miles an hour. The *Andelana* was capsized almost instantly and before her officers and crew knew that they were in peril. A gale sprang up at noon on the 13th and it did not subside until midnight or the *Andelana* probably would have pulled into a dock. As it was, she remained at anchor in the stream, being prevented from tipping over by heavy log buoys moored on either side of her. All of her ballast had been discharged and she had taken no stopping aboard. There is no doubt that when the terrible gale sprang up during the night she partly turned over. This lifted her starboard ballast log out of the water and its weight caused a defective link to break. Thus released from the log, the ship turned suddenly on her beam ends, and in another instant the water was pouring down her hatchways. These were but loosely covered and afforded no protection. With her toppling masts and towering side to give the gale full swing, the *Andelana* went over as though she were a racing shell. How the sailors struggled to escape can be imagined, but without doubt they had scarcely leaped from their bunks into the inflowing waters before their vessel had struck bottom, twenty-three and a half fathoms below the surface. This is indicated by the fact that the vessel did not drift from her mooring place, but sank almost at the spot where she was moored.—*Kobe Herald.*

POISONOUS FLANNELETTE.

The *Warehouseman and Draper* says:—"We have received this week a sample of flannelette from a correspondent, who thinks it has a 'suspicious feel,' and who wishes to know whether it contains any deleterious matter prejudicial to health. We have had the sample tested, and regret to say that his suspicions have been verified on analysis. It is loaded with chloride of zinc, and if the material were worn next the skin without washing the consequences would probably be serious. The effect of this adulteration is shown by the report on the Birmingham case which has created so much excitement. Some weeks have elapsed since over 60 men employed in clearing away the snow in the streets were involved in consequence of skin irritation produced by the chloride of zinc washed out from their overcoats and overalls. What effect flannelette treated with the same chemical would have upon the delicate skin of women and children we leave to the imagination of the reader."

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.
FEBRUARY.
Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.

Barometer 30.141
Thermometer 57.1
Humidity 79.0
Rainfall 1.76

TO-DAY.
WEATHER REPORT. On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer 30.03
Thermometer 64
Humidity 89
Rainfall 0.03

TO-DAY.
Wednesday, 15th February, 1899.

Chinese—6th of 1st moon of 25th year of Kwang-shi.
Sun—Rises 6hr. 20min.
Sets 5hr. 39min.
High water—Morning 6hr. 30min.
Afternoon 6hr. 13min.
Low water—Morning 5hr. 47min.
Afternoon 6hr. 23min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1841—Hongkong and Shanghai declared free ports.
1874—The ship *Columbia* burnt in Hongkong harbour.
1884—Telegraph cable between Japan and Korea opened.
1885—The Chinese ships *Yu-yuen* and *Chin-sheng* sunk by the French in Sheikpo harbour.
1896—Fall of snow at Pechow.
1897—King George of Greece forcibly intervened in Cretan affairs.

TO-MORROW.

Thursday, 16th February, 1899.
Chinese—7th of 1st moon of 25th year of Kwang-shi.
Sun—Rises 6hr. 20min.
Sets 5hr. 39min.
High water—Morning 6hr. 30min.
Afternoon 6hr. 13min.
Low water—Morning 5hr. 47min.
Afternoon 6hr. 23min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1845—The Insurgents evacuated Shanghai.
1863—First public parade of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps and presentation of colours.
1876—The 80th Regiment left Hongkong.
1884—Hongkong Legislative Council reorganised.
1885—The s.s. *Castello* lost on Flat Island, Lyeemun Pass.
1887—The Alice Memorial Hospital, Hongkong, opened.
1893—The Swedish barque *Doris* wrecked near the Natuna Island.
1896—The Nova Scotian barque *Lynwood* wrecked on Pratas Reef.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.
Australian (*Arlite*) 17th inst.
American (*Doris*) 18th inst.
English (*Parranatta*) 18th inst.
Indian (*Chelydra*) 21st inst.
Canadian (*Empress of Japan*) 21st inst.
American (*Nippon Maru*) 22nd inst.
Australian (*Omni Maru*) 28th inst.
American (*City of Rio de Janeiro*) and proxy.
American (*Coptic*) 11th prox.

The O. & O. S. Co.'s steamer *Doris* with mails, etc., left Shanghai for this port at 1 p.m. to-day, the 15th instant.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of Japan*, arrived at Kobe at 2 p.m. yesterday, the 14th instant, and left at midnight for the South.

The Agents (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.) inform us that the Company's steamer *Chelona* from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port at 6 p.m. yesterday, the 14th instant.

THE N. P. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Olympia*, arrived at Tacoma from Japan and Hongkong, on the 12th instant.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.
H.I.G.M.S. *Kaiser* at Kowloon Dock.
Albatross
Isle de Cuba
Isle de Luson
Monmouthshire
Beechdale
Hut
H.I.G.M.S. P. Whelm
Trym
Talot
Clara
De Juan d'Austria Cosmopolitan
China
Phra Nang
Australian
Kwang Ping Aberdeen

PASSED THE CANAL.
Outward—Jan. 17th *Benlarig*, Jan. 20th *Caledonia*, Jan. 27th *Canton*, Trolld; Jan. 31st *Oceanic*; Feb. 3rd *Chingwa*, *Indra*, *Velli*, *Prometheus*, *Anapa*; Feb. 7th *Harperley*; Feb. 10th *Glenfarg*, *Nurnburg*.
Homeward—Feb. 10th *Bamberg*.

Intimations.

NOTICE.
H. E. LADY BLAKE will be AT HOME from 4 to 6 P.M.
Hongkong, 28th January, 1899. [136a]

INSURANCE HOLIDAYS.

HONGKONG RACES.
THE Undersigned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, at 11.45 A.M. on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 21st, 22nd and 23rd instants, respectively.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents.
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD., General Managers.
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.
W. J. SAUNDERS, Acting Secretary.

W. H. PERCIVAL, Agent.
NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD., Secretary.
CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.
SHEWAN TOMES & CO., Agents.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.
GEO. L. TOMLIN, Acting Secretary.
CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD., Local Manager.
THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD., Hongkong, 14th February, 1899. [181a]

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.
In accordance with this Company's Articles of Association, Interest at the Rate of 12 PER CENT. Per Annum is being charged on all unpaid CALLS.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Manager.
Hongkong, 20th January, 1899. [101a]

THE MUTUAL STORES.
28, 29 & 30, PORTINGER STREET.
FOR THE BEST VALUE IN THE COLONY
GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

WORTH A GUINEA A BOX.
BEECHAM'S PILLS
FOR ALL ACID, BILIOUS AND NERVOUS DISORDERS, SUCH AS SICK HEADACHE, CONSTIPATION, WEAK STOMACH, IMPAIRED DIGESTION, DISORDERED LIVER, AND FEMALE AFFECTIONS.
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Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.
At the Special Request and under the Patronage of THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB, THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB will give Two Extra Performances of the "Pantomime" "THE YELLOW DWARF" ON SATURDAY, 18th February, 1899, at 8.30 P.M. and SATURDAY, 25th February, 1899, at 8.30 P.M.
Dress Circle \$3
Stalls 3
Half-price to Soldiers, Sailors and Police in Uniform to the Pit.
The Ticket Office will be Opened at 10 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, 15th February, and will continue Open each day from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Late Trams to the Peak.
H. C. NICOLLE, Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 11th February, 1899. [206a]

Auctions.
GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. No. 63.
THE following Particulars and Condition of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on MONDAY, the 20th day of February, 1899, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.
By Command, T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th February, 1899. [212a]
Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 20th day of February, 1899, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.
No. of Sale, Locality, Boundary Measurements, Contents in Square Feet, Annual Rent, Upset Price.

1. No. of Sale, 91. Locality, Barker Road. Boundary Measurements, 221 ft. 130 ft. 115 ft. Contents in Square Feet, 24,300. Annual Rent, 140. Upset Price, 2,916.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. No. 64.
THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on TUESDAY, the 21st day of February, 1899, at 11 A.M., are published for general information.
By Command, T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th February, 1899. [219a]
Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale to be held on Tuesday, the 21st day of February, 1899, at 11 A.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Two Lots of CROWN LAND, at Mong Kok Tsui, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.
No. of Sale, Locality, Boundary Measurements, Contents in Square Feet, Annual Rent, Upset Price.

1. No. of Sale, 92. Locality, Mong-kok-tsui. Boundary Measurements, 66 ft. 66 ft. 66 ft. Contents in Square Feet, 6,075. Annual Rent, 60. Upset Price, 608.
2. No. of Sale, 93. Locality, do. Boundary Measurements, 66 ft. 66 ft. 66 ft. Contents in Square Feet, 6,075. Annual Rent, 60. Upset Price, 608.

To be Sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, at NAGASAKI on 4th March.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S.S. "BRINDISI" as she now lies in Nagasaki Harbour. Built in 1880 by Wm. DOXFORD & SONS at Sunderland. Length 360 feet, Breadth 40 feet, Depth 31 feet. Gross tonnage 3,688 tons. Effective Power of Engines 2,800.

Capacity of holds 4,550 tons of 40 cubic feet. The Engines are in excellent preservation and the vessel, with some repairs, could be put in thorough sea-going condition, or she could be converted into an Admirable Hulk or Receiving Ship.
Private offers for the purchase of the vessel will be entertained in the meantime.
For Further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1899. [211a]

Shipping.
STEAMERS.
MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.
FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship "SIKH" will be despatched as above on or about the 24th instant.
S.S. "ARGYLE" About 11th Mar., 1899.
S.S. "MACDUFF" 31st Mar., 1899.
S.S. "GHAEZE" 15th April, 1899.
For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.
Hongkong, 6th February, 1899. [15a]

FOR NEW YORK (DIRECT) THE Steamship "KENMORE" Captain Ellis, will be despatched for the above Port on or about the end of February. For Freight, apply to CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1899. [101a]

Shipping.
STEAMERS.
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO. The Company's Chartered Steamship "NANYANG" Captain Lehmann, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 16th instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAIDLAK & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1899. [214a]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR MANILA (DIRECT) THE Company's Steamship "ESMERALDA" Captain Taylor, will be despatched for the above Port, TO-MORROW, the 16th instant, at 5 P.M.
This steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light.
For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Manager.
Hongkong, 11th February, 1899. [202a]

UNITED STATES AND CHINA-JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE.
FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL. THE Steamship "INDRANI" Captain Trotter, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 18th instant, at Noon.
For Freight, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 11th February, 1899. [25a]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA. THE Steamship "KOH-I-NUR" Captain H. Elliot, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 18th instant, at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1899. [215a]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. (Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.) THE Steamship "AUSTRALIAN" Captain Helms, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 20th instant, at 4 P.M.
This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provision, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.
This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.
A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.
N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA, are available for return by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY and vice versa.
For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1899. [192a]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR TIENTSIN. THE Company's Steamship "KWEIYANG" Captain Outerbridge, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 25th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 9th February, 1899. [198a]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR MANILA. THE Company's Steamship "CHINGTU" Captain Moore, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 25th instant at Noon.
The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines.
A duly qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.
For Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 6th February, 1899. [181a]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKET. FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL. THE Steamship "GLENESK" Captain Darke, R.N.R., will be despatched as above on or about the 1st March.
For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 11th February, 1899. [204a]

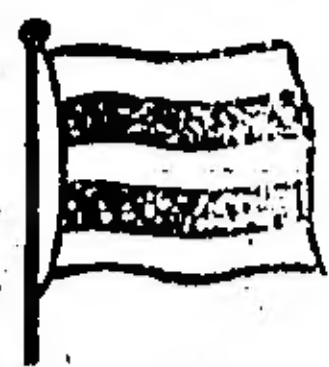
THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COCHIN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MARSEILLES AND LONDON. THE Company's Steamship "OOPACK" J. Barber, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 1st March.
For Freight, &c., apply to HOLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1899. [212a]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKET. FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL. THE Steamship "GLENGARRY" Captain Greig, will be despatched as above on or about the 1st March.
For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 11th February, 1899. [205a]

Intimations.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG - SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
MIKE MARU S. Kawamuro.	Kobe and Yokohama	To-Morrow, 16th Feb. at 4 P.M.
Tosa Maru P. Goto.	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	To-Morrow, 16th Feb. at 4 P.M.
Sagami Maru J. Nagao.	SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO and NAGASAKI	Friday, 17th February, at 4 P.M.
Kagoshima Maru R. Nanome.	SINGAPORE, COLOMBO and BOMBAY	Tuesday, 21st February, at Noon.
Kasuga Maru E. W. Haswell.	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.	Friday, 24th February, at 4 P.M.
HITACHI MARU C. Hillcoat.	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	Thursday, 2nd March, at 4 P.M.
OMI MARU	NAGASAKI, Kobe and YOKOHAMA	Friday, 3rd March, at 4 P.M.

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings &c., apply at the Company's Local-Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1899.



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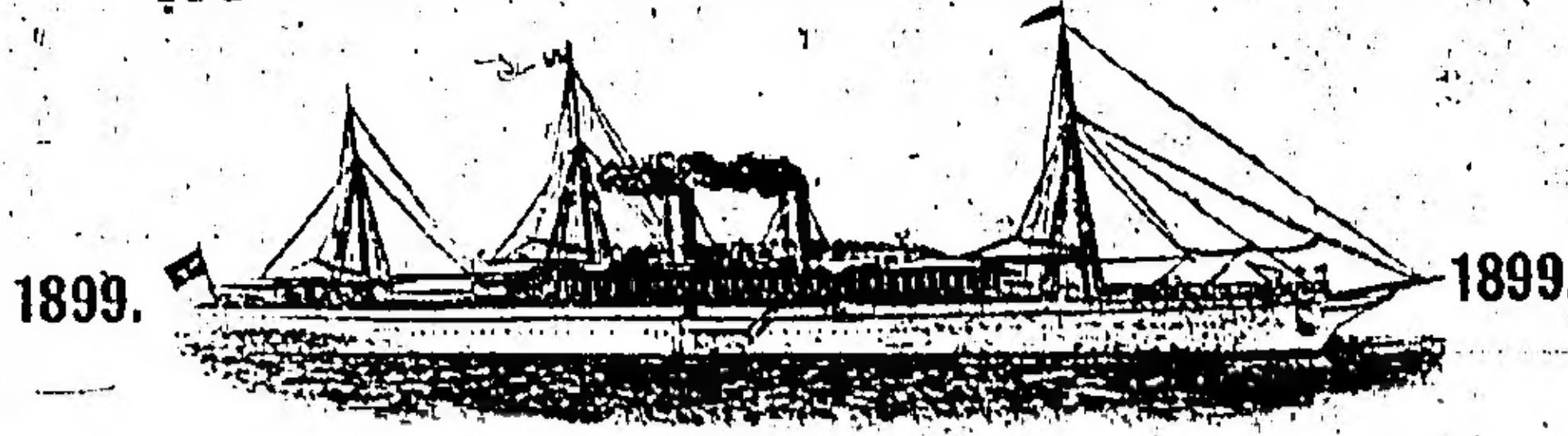
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Hongkong, 15th March, 1898.

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For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Fodder's Street.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1899.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Saturday, 4th March, at Noon.

AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Thursday, 30th March, at Noon.

HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Tuesday, 25th April, at Noon.

THE Steamship

* NIPPON MARU.

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 4th March, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, LULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of 24 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent. Hongkong, 9th February, 1899.

MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA.

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1896.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for ISTAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship.

"BALLAARAT," Captain C. L. W. Field, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 18th instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

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SERBIA	HAVRE, HAMBURG/BREMEN.	About 10th March.
Osternann	(LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	March.
*SILESIA	HAVRE, HAMBURG/BREMEN.	About 15th March.
Behrens	(LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	March.
SUEVIA	HAVRE, HAMBURG/BREMEN.	About 22nd March.
Foerck	(LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	March.
WITTENBERG	HAVRE, HAMBURG/BREMEN.	About 29th March.
Norden	(LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	March.
NURNBERG	HAVRE, HAMBURG/BREMEN.	About 8th April.
V. Binzer	(LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	April.

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Calling at NAPLES for Passengers only, if sufficient inducement offers. For further particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents, [98]

Hongkong, 11th February, 1899.

U.S. MAIL LINE. PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

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Ettrick (via Amoy, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Monday, 20th Feb., at 4 P.M.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Tuesday, 14th March, at Noon.

City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Saturday, 8th April, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CHINA," will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via AMOY, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, the 17th February, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent. Hongkong, 2nd February, 1899.

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NOTICE.

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THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Sachsen Wednesday 1st March.

Hayer Wednesday 29th March.

Prinz Heinrich Wednesday 26th April.

Prinzess Wednesday 24th May.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of March, 1899, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "SACHSEN," Captain H. Sumner, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, & CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on Monday, the 27th instant. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on Tuesday, the 28th instant, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on Tuesday, the 28th instant. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than 25 so and "Parcel" should not exceed Two Cubic Feet in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to MELOERS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 1st February, 1899.

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